

Application Number 10/722,628
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Formal drawings are enclosed, hopefully rendering the objection thereto, moot.

Claim 6 has been amended to render the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection, moot.

Indefiniteness of claim 2 is not understood, as "preferred" was previously deleted.

"Preferably" has been deleted from claim 11.

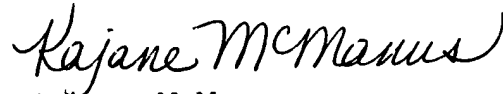
Applicant is amending the claims and filing an RCE to add the surface seal forming inserts into claim 1, inasmuch as such have not been found disclosed in any of the prior art and have been found to greatly enhance longevity/effectivity of his low cost embodiment.

In this respect, applicant has now conducted empirical testing of his embodiment and has found that use of the valve body in hard water conditions causes compromised effectivity and longevity due to action of particulate matter in the water without use of the surface seal inserts disclosed. Therefore the claims have been amended to incorporate use of the inserts therein.

Such amendment should render the claims allowable over the art and early allowance is awaited.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kajane McManus". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and registration number.

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